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THE DEADLIEST OF ALL PAR- contention by facts and figures. ALLELS.

Roosevelt's Decision on No-President vember 8, 1904.

"Tinder no circumstances will I he a

Ex-President Roosevelt's Decision on February 25, 1912.

"I will accept the nomination for Prestdent if it is tendered to me.

### The Packers.

The ten Chicago packers charged violation of the Sherman antitrust law have been acquitted. It had seemed, from some of the evidence published, that if anywhere there existed a combination in restraint of trade and subject to the criminal penalties of the Sherman law it was the combination of the SWIFTS, ARMOURS and Morrises. A conscientious jury has found the evidence insufficient to convict. "The people had not suffered." one of the jurors is quoted as saying, "and we did not see our way clear to convict.

Is it not probable that the temper of both juries and of the public in regard to alleged violations of the Sherman In other words, has not the fury against corporations largely exhausted itself?

### Another Great Moral Victory.

"Then there is Indiana," says the Hon. JOSEPH M. DIXON, "where we have now candidate consist in yelling "Fraud!" when beaten. The unfair and violent language and tactics and the inflamed men are natural to "an overpowering 21 in 1909 and 1910. public demand" that refuses to be created. Alas, that a man who has rived from this lecture are contained their accord is complete. been so amply honored, who has so in the statement of the methods adopted many engaging qualities, should be by the Italian and Greek Governments dragged along by his fanatical egotism for exterminating malarial fever. The

tial preference primaries that the first placards, and ingenious advertising of nomination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the cheap quinine manufactured by the brought about by clever political ma- Government is done on cigarette packnipulation, combination and promises, ages sold by the Government monopoly, and politicians have changed essentially ting propaganda large agricultural distem which gave the country that great opened to cultivation, thus compensatand fortunate nomination has outlived ing the nation for its outlay. Quinine its opportunities of good service.

## Spain, France and Morocco.

The despatch to The Sun which re- disease. These methods are also gible. ports the refusal of the Sultan to sign a adopted by the Government of Greece treaty accepting a French protectorate with the same favorable result. is only one more sign of the development The military campaign of Dr. Gorgas of a fresh crisis in the Moroccan ques- in the Canal Zone, where he employs tion. The latest crisis has a twofold a brigade of inspectors and mosquito character, it threatens a new European killers, has brought about such good complication and it also points toward a results that it would seem an indefensiserious situation in Morocco itself.

concerned the facts are these: By va- similar campaign for the destruction of rious treaties with Spain, England and the mosquito breeding places in the Germany, France has bound herself to worst malarial regions of the United recognize Spanish claims in northern States, which according to Dr. THAYER Morocco, to construct no other rail- furnish the almost incredible number road in Morocco before the Fez-Tangier of ten thousand deaths annually. In line is begun, and to make the signature fact, some experiments made by the by the Sultan of a treaty recognizing city of San Antonio and in Florida would a French protectorate an antecedent indicate that with a little encouragement condition to the establishment of this on the part of the Government in a manprotectorate

Spanish negotiations.

end in a deadlock, England, who is as it is in Italy, is self-evident. Here also a party to them, will have to choose the question of a national board of between the French and Spanish sides. health looms up large, for only by sys-If she takes the Spanish side the en- tematic and concerted action may the tente cordiale will be gravely in peril. results achieved by smaller nations be If the British support the French, then attained. there will be danger that France will gather all Morocco under her control and establish herself on the Straits of Gibraltar, a step gravely disapproved of by the English.

European war.

Finally, as the casualty lists in the responsible agitators. and Riffians near Melilla indicate, Mo- in their letter to Grand Chief STONE is rocco itself is rapidly passing into a based on the impossibility of increasing state of complete anarchy, and a gen- their payrolls by \$18,000,000, with the eral rising against all Europeans and a certainty of proportionate additions holy war may easily follow a refusal of for other classes of labor, while the the Sultan to yield to Christian demands. Government refuses to allow them to so so Such a war would be very serious, for raise freight rates. The burden that . 6 00 Morocco, without roads or railways, would be imposed on the treasuries of ....... 2 00 would offer admirable opportunity for the roads by acquiescence in the desustained resistance.

at the protraction of the Franco-Span- issue of new securities to the amount of ish negotiations and the growing pos- \$188,850,000 bearing interest at the rate sibility that France may take sudden of 4 per cent. To meet the charge on and drastic action to end a situation such a debt would require largely augbecoming intolerable.

### A National Disgrace.

ciety Dr. THAYER, the successor to Dr. OSLER in the chair of practice in Johns Hopkins Hospital, has recently declared tion. emphatically that the neglect of ten Italy and Greece with this scourge is ough discussion of the entire situation. considered. And the doctor proved his

The precautionary measures for protection against malaria are so simple and obvious that it would seem criminal to neglect them. They require only persistent, systematic and alert attencandidate for or accept another nomina- tion. The investigations of the Italian yesterday's polling in hand, the Repubphysician Rossi, the English army surgeon Ross and the American army surgeon Gorgas offer indisputable eviare the carriers of the infecting "plas- paign of Colonel Roosevelt himself. modium," and that these mosquitoes it and tucked beneath the mattress. President. All grass and undergrowth must be re- Examined by this simple test the figtained in pools and vessels, but more that of the enrolled Republicans of moved; indeed, the smaller the quantity of THEODORE ROOSEVELT. the more favorable for breeding is the It is upon this minor fraction that water. Large pools must be drained Colonel ROOSEVELT has based all his law has become milder, more tolerant? or treated frequently with crude pe- mighty claims; it is with the assured sup-

troleum. Ismailia on the Suez Canal are so convershelming majority of Republicans, less stoughton bottles being "kicked aroun"."

"E. H. M." says Stoughton Bitters were so little used that the listless character of the bottle in At this post the number of deaths from cials of his party charged with primary question led to an expression of contempt or a malaria during the years 1900 to 1902 duties, that he has directed insinuations was 5.825; after inauguration of these of fraud and dishonor alike at election one of the greatest moral victories pos- measures in a systematic manner the district captains and at the President of sible." In Indiana, as elsewhere, the number of deaths was from 1903-to 1905 the United States. This, then, is the real greatest moral victories of Mr. Dixon's only 361, and during the three succeed- "wicked farce." ing years there was not one death. In The primary election in New York folfactional spirit of the Roosevelt hench- under Dr. Gorgas's administration to West Republicans may differ on ques- tian in this country, brightened in France with a

The most valuable lessons to be deinto ways so undignified, so unworthy!

The System That Produced Lincoln.

The System That Produced Lincoln. It can do no harm to remember in most successful use of quinine for this new born enthusiasm for Presiden- prevention of relapses is published on We find it hard to believe that voters By this active, systematic and unremitsince 1860; or that the convention sys- tricts formerly uninhabitable have been is also furnished free to impecunious persons whose low resisting capacity renders them peculiarly liable to the

ble neglect on the part of the Gov-So far as the European situation is ernment in Washington to delay a ner resembling that of its Department Now Spain has utterly refused to ac- of Agriculture these deaths could ere cept the French proposals in the matter long be prevented. What has been done of delimiting French and Spanish with the hookworm curse may be acspheres in Morocco. As a consequence complished in malaria. Dr. THAYER the Fez-Tangier railroad, which will advises that education of the public cross both French and Spanish spheres, through the schools and through the cannot be begun, and this prevents all Boy Scouts presents a feasible plan; the other railway construction in Morocco. children may be taught to destroy mos-Finally, the refusal of the Sultan to sign quitoes by teaching them the habitat a treaty creating a protectorate pre- and mode of life of these insects, and in vents the French from organizing a this manner the grownups may be set Moroccan protectorate in advance of to thinking and acting. That the savthe friendly termination of the Franco- ing of life and especially the conservation of the working efficiency of the If the Franco-Spanish negotiations people would be ample compensation,

# Pay of Locomotive Engineers.

While the deadlock between the locomotive engineers and the railroads in the northeastern section of the country As for Spain, it is incredible that she may result in a strike, such a calamity will venture to go to war with France is by no means inevitable. A strike can over Morocco. Without a navy and be called only after a two-thirds vote in with a wholly inferior army Spanish its favor by the men affected. Their attack upon the French would be ridic- approval may be vetoed by the grand attack upon the French would be possibil- chief of their organization. In addiity remains that a disagreement might tion to these obstacles to hasty action name a provoke a new German intervention, or the Federal Government has power Foss of Massachusetts. at least bring Spain into the Triple Alli- under the Erdman act to intervene for

ance, and thus open France to a new mediation. Such checks guarantee that attack on the south in case of a general the public will at least be spared ill Democracy? considered action precipitated by ir-

recent fighting between Spanish troops The attitude of the roads as explained mands of the engineers is convincingly Hence the impatience visible in Paris shown when its cost is compared with the mented revenues, and expenditures equalling the interest on this sum must be financed in some way. The political freight charges, and where the money would come from is a perplexing ques-

Whatever the result of this dispute thousand deaths from malaria in the may be, the public has one source of United States is a disgrace to this comfort. A strike of locomotive engination, when the successful combat of neers will not be called without a thor-

The Wicked Farce. Just before he set out upon another Western excursion. THEODORE ROOSE-VELT characterized the primary election licans of this town can now perceive clearly that a wicked farce has been enacted, but that the farce has not been clearly that the farce has not been enacted. dence that certain types of mosquitoes the primary election, but rather the cam-

How completely farcical this cambreed in shallow water, and that if their paign has been, with its vast but empty bites can be avoided infection may be claims, its loud and violent demonstraavoided. For the latter purpose cover- tions, and its insignificant warrant in ing exposed parts of the body with fact, is now disclosed, not by the vote netting and not sleeping in recently oc- cast for the delegates who will support cupied but vacant houses are the only the Hon. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT at Chipersonal precatitions demanded when cago, not by the number of these deleawake; and during sleep the bed should gates themselves, but by the votes acbe protected by netting suspended over tually cast for the delegates of the ex-

moved within a hundred yards of the ures of yesterday's primary in this house or tent. Stagnant water con- county reveal the wholly significant fact important still, because overlooked, in New York only a minor fraction broken crockery or glass, in oyster actually registered their approval of shells, crumpled tin, &c., should be re- this last and least honorable campaign

port of this minority that he has pro-The observations of Br. Ross at claimed himself the candidate of an

Havana the number of deaths in 1896 lows closely upon that of North Dakota and 1897 was 1,359; they were reduced and the results are identical. East and repudiation of THEODORE ROOSEVELT answer is correct all is forgiven to "C. M. F." if

## Stotten Pottle.

name of all those amiable amateurs who Pilduzer Park, I have regarded THE SUN as the discuss everything human in letters to bulwark of literary purity and a "well of English THE SUN, neither the sound of many undefiled primaries nor personal dissatisfaction and leave "C. M. F." hanging in the air, weighted with the weather which Uncle Horace down by an "inherited" but unexplainable Johnson of Middle Haddam, Conn., furnishes shall keep us from yielding to that pleading.

"settin' around" and therefore negli-

These imputed origins have their charm. It may be a historical fact but does nothing. I am quite at a loss to know the that Stoughton bitters was invented by concerning it in the books, and should be very concerning it in the books, and should be very light mon the materials. the Pequots and begot WILLIAM STOUGH-TON, who presided at the witchcraft trials in Massachusetts. How can any notion of contempt belong to that respectable family, remembered by a hall at Harvard? How could a bottle in old New England become contemptible the first edition of "Vanity Fair"? so long as a thrifty race could use it was again? A Stoughton bottle would proband if a receptacle of rum had a scornof the male population of old New Eng-

land was entitled to that scorn. Are not these explications too easy? We don't pretend to unravel the mystery, but why add to it? A bottle of stout is just as empty, when empty it is, as a bottle of Stoughton bitters. But "stot," CHAUCER'S "olde stot, gives all the contempt you want. "Pottle" is a Nutmeg mess of fried pork and of the Men's Woman. Suffrage League last fish. Therefore "Stotten pottle" is a was disused, kicked about old kettle; which we should never have suspected of should "kicking up" such a pretty "kettle of fish" with fried pork and philology.

The racetracks throughout the country are suffering from the lack of trains to carry the people to witness the events .- British

It is only by details like this that the world can grasp the extent of the suffering in England.

York Exchange for Women's Work fol- gifts and privileges and rights thrust upon her. lowed its annual meeting with a feast of corned beef hash and waffles and other good things." The other things can't have been as good, and surely were not needed. Let gourmets prattle as they will, corned beef hash and waffles is the hash and waffles! The mere names of them are a square meal.

I believe that I have a chance of getting compromise candidate. - Gorernor

From what source would the Hon. Ev-

GENE NOBLE Foss obtain his certificate of

A lively school of porpoises became entangled to-day in the mines laid in the Dardanelles, exploding thirteen of them.

Convincing evidence that the mines are dangerous, which has not always been the

## ARE AMERICANS SNOBS? And as a Condition Precedent, What Is

case with Turkish ammunition.

a Snob? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: answer to THE SUN'S inquiry "Are the Americans Snobs?" I want to say after a good deal of observation that snobs are mainly found in the East. How often, if ever, do you see a snob from the West? snob in éastern Massachusetts may be natural, and original, so to speak, and excusable

tana or Oregon or Washington? And yet though I know what I mean by In a lecture before the Harveian Sosituation is not favorable for increasing hear him talk, I find it impossible to define Will somebody do it for me? NEW YORK, March 25.

### Americans Free and Equal All.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: MY experience of Americans in all parts of the country is that they are the freest people of them really act on the theory that one man is as good as another and no better.

NEWARK, N. J., March 25.

### None Native.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: there are any snobs in the United States of his party in this city and county as a they have been imported. The only real "wicked farce." With the figures of snob is an Englishman of the lower middle class. As a rule an aristocrat is seldom a WASBINGTON, D. C., March 25.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: haps I have seen a man's wife now and then

that might be thought a little snobbish Indeed, I am a snob myself and glad of it What's the harm? Do I hurt anybody? am honest about it; that's all. BOSTON, March 25. In the Bean Belt

## To the Epitor of The Sun-Sir: Are Americans snobs? No. Are some Americans snobs? Very much yes. As which? Come and see us in Boston. E. F. B.

STOUGHTON BOTTLE. What Is Its Origin, Connotation and

BROOKLINE, Mass , March 25.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. the letter of "C. M. F." in THE SUN of March 21 and to the numerous answers in the issue of March 23 in regard to the derivation and symbolical meaning of the words "Stoughton Bottle," I am led to express my surprise at the variety and contradictory nature of the replies.

"N. S. H." says that Stoughton Bitters in Stough-

suggestion of stolldness.

"old cronies."

E. H. Gane says it is merely a tincture of gentions of party doctrine, but in their dash of absinthe, and only means that the "epidash of absinthe, and only means that the "epi-thetee" should have another drink. If the last answer is correct all is forgiven to "C. M. F." if with their men folk and made the laws that

tention of the world to that great educator Colo-nel Abe .Slupsky of Missourl and gave column after column to an exposition of thetranscendent tion than a few weeks absence from the

Why should it stand aloof in this literary crisis

The poll of the philological primary seems to give a majority for Stoughton ways heard it sounded as if spelled "stoking" butters the bottle empty whereof was a natural synonym of an unregarded often hear it used by others to denote an unresponthing. Or the Stoughton bottle was ering or a meeting has nothing to say for himself variably accompanies the term as I have heard it employed. It means a man who takes up room

glad if anybody can throw light upon the mat

The Marquis of Steyne Woodcat.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Why will every one persist in declaring that the woodcut Marquis of Steyne was "suppressed" after was simply omitted from the second edition, pos-sibly because of injury to the cut. That it was ably have held N. E. rum, not bitters; to the Marquis of Hertford is clear, as similar ful connotation in New England, most graphical edition of 1898 is also without significance, as this edition contained none of th had appeared in the first edition. The second edition is peculiar from the omission of this cut. for practically every other edition that pretends to be illustrated contains it.

PREDERICE S. DICESON. PHILADELPHIA, March 26.

Selfishness of Smokers. THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str: I notice that one of the men who attended the meeting indignant at Dr. Pease for his "check" and "annoyance" he caused in as ing members

not to smoke. Strange that this gentlema

ould not have recognized that it was he who s "cheeky" and an "annoyance" and not Dr.

Will smokers never learn that their pleasure in tobacco is at the expense of some one clse's pleasure' GOOD FOR DR. PRASE.

NEW YORK, March 25.

## Pankhurst Disease.

\_\_TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: THE SUN does well to label that politico-hysterical aliment the "Pankhurst disease." It is a real disease, and it is next to a crime against nature to spread it in this country, where the principal thing a sen-We notice with pleasure that the New sible woman can complain of is having too many

## Tarbeel Wealth.

Saginaw correspondence Fik Park Vim.

I have been a subscriber of the Vim for some time over six mouths and I find it a very interesting paper. I am an old farmer and live one-half will, corned beef hash and waffles is the exact immortal moment of equilibrium of a mile from the city, have thirteen children, five dogs and one Hog rife but no hogs, no cow, and end of the city of the city have thirteen children. my extra powder horns for the wrinkles.

## Told the Whole Story.

From the Clay Centre Times Some cowboys caught a fellow and banged him as was both customary and proper not many years ago. They pinned a placard to his breast: He was a very bad man in some respects. A dammed sight porce in others.

ON THE MERITS.

Woman Suffragists Appeal to Right, Jus-

tice and Expediency. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In company with Lucy P. Scott, from whose en appears a letter in THE SUN of March 24, should like to express my appreciation of gress providing for the abolition of national THE SUN'S editorial article of March 21 appealing for a serious and searching investi gation into the claims of woman suffrage does not lie in that measure. It is a fawning and pointing out the lack of logic in the

who would extend the franchise "when all the women want it."

For many years suffragists have been emphasizing the fact that whether all or even a majority of women want the vote has nothing whatever to do with the question and that the matter must be settled first on the basis of abstract right and justice, and second on grounds of expediency.
Until about six years ago when the move-

ment rather suddenly leaped from the edu-cational into the political stage the chief, and one might almost say the only, labor of the suffragists was to induce the public to give the subject the "statesmanlike con-sideration" for which Mrs. Scott pleads, a course, it may be noted in passing, fraught with the most gratifying results to the suffragists since common experience has variably leads to conviction, except in the case of the incorrigibly sentimental and of persons concerned chiefly with the continu ation of a position of privilege such as that the national convention. Activity of that of the "supported" lady or the predatory kind means the sinking of bosses and the captain of industry who coins profits out survival of leaders, men like Tilden and body of working women.

for this rigorous investigation of their claims and evidence but they have even, through the largest and most varied body of propagandist literature published in this

Much of this literature deals with the subject from the standpoint of right and language of California, and the language of subject from the standpoint of right and justice, whether in a spirit of "emotional argument" and "partisan outery" I leave it for the reader to decide: more, and in late years I might aimost say most, of it sets forth, in some instances without any comment whatever, a mass of verifiable facts and figires-notably with respect to the economic the various States, and with respect to conditions in the equal suffrage States.

Perusing this latter class of literature

the intelligent reader might be led to give to the last two of Mrs. Scott's three questions a quite different answer from the one she evidently expected. She asks, "Is it wise to double the cost of elections simply to double the vote?" and "Is it just to lay stress of political life and its desired (by the suffragists) burden of official life, which must either prevent maternity altogether or interfere with its proper administration?"

The evidence yields considerable proof that the participation of women in elections does not merely "double the vote," but that, on the contrary, it is likely to upset the calculations of the machine politicians and the "interests" to a most disconcerting extent; and also that even office holding and woman's fundamental duty to the race do not appear to be incompatible. The fact is relatively few women in the equal suffrage seem to be rather in women's line, and that the women who allow themselves to be put up as candidates and who are elected by the votes of men as well as women, be it noted, are in middle life and past the age Mr. K. Green coincides in a way with "E. H. M." of child bearing and child rearing, even as ginmil.

"T. N. F." says it is not Stoughton at all but an obsolete word "stoien," and vaguely hints that Chaucer used the word, and says it signifies "an old woman." He refrains from quoting word and line, but claims authoritative support from his "cold comies." tion that in Finland, where since the full franchise was extended to women from nineteen to twenty-six of these hardy daugh-Since the days when The Sun brought the at-

"Is it wise to put sex into politics?" the suffragists would produce a quite extensive body of literature written by persons of considerable weight, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists and the like, directing attention to the fact that since politics with general human needs and has nothing to do with sex, as sex has nothing to do with it, the participation of women could not introduce sex into it any more than the into religion and education.

FRANCES MAUDE BJOREMAN, Editor Literature Department, National American Woman Suffrage Association

PAPER FROM STRAW.

### First Made at Rock City Falls by Coe 8 Buchanan and Kilmer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: instructive article, "How Paper Is Made," in TRE SUN of last Sunday it is said pulp made from straw made its appearance in 1857, coming from a factory at Fort Ed-Now it was not first made at this place.

but at Rock City Falls, in my opinion in a mill owned and operated then and earlier

but at Rock City Falls, in my opinion in a mill owned and operated then and earlier by Buchanan & Kilmer.

The former was my father, Coe S. Buchanan (1824-83), and my chief authority is the printed case of his suit against Howland & Palser of the Fort Edward mill for the intringement of the Millier patent, a French process for making white paper from straw, and upon which the wood process is based.

He won his suit in 1863, and then sold the patents to the American Wood Paper Company, reserving rights. Palser, by the way, was an employee of Buchanan & Kilmer, and Buchanan introduced him to Howland.

Charles A. Dana said in an address, "Newspaper Making" (THE SUN, January 14, 1895). "Then there came along a Frenchman [Millier] who invented a chemical method of making paper from rye straw."

Millier never came to America, but was represented by an agent.

The obituary of Buchanan in the Paper Trade Journal, March 1883, credits him, my father, with first successfully producing white paper from straw.

I must apologize to the shade of my father for all this, for he was a modest man. Paper makers and editors usually don't care for type notices, perhaps because they realize fully what an infinitesimal space their doings would cover of the immense output of paper, even if they covered as much as those of the only living ex-President of the United States.

Chauncer K. Buchanan.

The Alabama Yellew Hammer.

### The Alabama Yellow Hammer. Feom the Birmingham Age Herald. It is not generally known that the State bir

of Alabama is the yellow hammer. In explana-tion of this fact John H. Waliace, Jr., chairman of the fish and game commission of the State writes as follows: "As a matter of history it is known that Con-

federate uniforms became soarce toward the end of the war, therefore in order to provide the gallant Confederates with proper clothing the good women picked the cotten, carded it into rolls, spun them into thread, wove it on home picket the cotten of the carded it into rolls. rolls, spun them into dorth, and then they were dis-made looms into cloth, and then they were dis-tressed to find that they did not have, nor could they procure, the dye with which to color the cioth they had made. They deliberated over this vexed question for many days, and finally an ingenious dame suggested that hickory bark be boiled and that the cloth be dipped into the lin the halcyon days of by and by.

happy thought was enthusiastically dings of the solution swept the State and so all the uniforms were made of bright yellow cioth. The coats were made with long talls, and the soldiers that wore them, when they ran after the soldiers that were them, when they ran after the enemy, very much resembled the 'yellow' hammer,' the bird that seems to dip through the air so gracefully as does the seaguil skim the waves of the opsiecces." POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

They Are Excellent Factors in National Life and Should Re Preserved. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir : Senator ummins, the poised and reflective statesman from Iowa, thinks he is touching the

avoidance.
"It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us,' but we can maintain our heritage only by guarding with vigilance the source of popular power," was the warning of one of the country's greatest statesmen. One of the most pronounced evils of our political life has been the failure of responsible men to attend to the detail duties of citizenship. Any system of particontrol will become weak or objectionable under those conditions. That has been the situation. The political stream will never rise higher than its source either through direct primaries or in nominating conven tions. Shirking people mean shattered hopes. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Let the people take heart and act accordingly. It will prove a most efficient remedy for many of our political troubles. Let every citizen insist on helping to make the primary ticket, attend the pri-

kind means the sinking of bosses and the the helplessness of an unenfranchised Gleveland, Lincoln and McKinley, bdy of working women.

National and State conventions are most Because the suffragists have always excellent features of our political life. The realized the gravity, "economically, politic people ought to enter a powerful protest cally and socially," of the change they ask against their destruction. In a great counir country, they have not only pleaded try like ours, extending from ocean to ocean, a national political convention is suggestive and impressive spectacle, Stars and Stripes, the enthusiasm and solemnity of the occasion inspiring the patriotism of a united and wonderful coun-

maries and see to it that a reliable, repre-sentative man is sent from his district to

try. The delegates from Maine speak the Washington is understood in Florida. National conventions are a check on pro Business men recognize the value of this principle by holding at great expense and at stated times sales managers' conferences for the purpose of an exchange of ideas of the country. The people should get behind, hold fast and give force to their time honored institutions and not let a bunch" of shifty politicians substitute "rag-

time" for "The Star Spangled Banner. CHARLES S. SMINCE. PLAINPIELD, N. J., March 26.

### MAUDLIN ANIMAL LOVERS. Pentest by One Who Finds Them Unnat ural and Tiresome.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Far But I am almost led to believe that what with S. P. C. A.s. Anti-Vivisectionists Women's Leagues, Bide-a-Wees, Horses' Friends, and the like, we may be getting a little too much-not of the other thing, rather of vainglorious boasting and chat-

Human nature remains the same: it must have absolution, and if it can no more get it from the church it gives it to itself. States and countries hold office at all—not enough, some of us feel, for their country's good; that the offices they do hold, such as superintendent of schools for instance, vides this sort of auto-absolution that is very gratifying to those who know it is up to them to do something decent by way of evening things up. This display and boasting of an inordi-

nate love for animals is often used as a subterfuge for utterly selfish lives, and it i frequently availed of to hide intellectual laziness and moral inertia. The show of atrophied maternity made by fair dog fondlers is not a pleasing sight to any one with thoughts outside of a millinery shop. The insatiate, passionate devotion to a sexless little yapping Fomeranian is not pathetic, either, it is an evidence of shallowness and it is just a little indecent.

A merciful man is merciful to his beast, but he does not go about shouting that the one thing that he will not suffer is the infliction of pain upon animals irrespective of what may happen to the men and women and children who may come within the sphere of his influence. To boast that one is more interested in animals than he or she is in the human kind is an acknowledgment of meanness and nothing else.

If any one has it in his heart to be helpful in his day and generation there is abundant opportunity right here in New York. If he frequently availed of to hide intellectual

If your neighbor is starving at your gate there is no merit and no gain except snug self-satisfaction if you neglect him to provide an extension of life to superannuated ash cats. If one's vision is so short that he cannot see urgent, intense need of the kind that everybody with a heart under his ribs can give, or if his soul is so narrow that he cannot sympathize with those in need, his crocodile tears over languishing tabbies and Fidos will not earn for him the title to good citizenship. He is too small and too mean to be justly permitted to vote.

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## An Iniquitous Tax.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Why has the Underwood tax bill now before the nited States Senate not aroused greater public interest and opposition? If the newspaper statements in regard to its terms are correct, it will operate to tax earned incomes, while leaving wholly un-couched incomes derived from rents of real estate, interest on mortgages and othe In other words hard working physician or lawyer earning \$10,000 a year will pay the tax upon \$5,000 of such income, while the holder of a \$200,000 5 per cent. mortgage, receiving the

ame income, will pay no tax.

This seems to me the most thoroughly iniquitous tax that has ever been proposed even in this country, and I venture to hope that the press will bring the matter more prominently before the public in order that the inevitable effect of the proposed legis-lation may be more widely understood, and the opposition which it will undoubtedly arouse when understood may be crystal-

. HOWARD THATER KINGSBURT. NEW YORK, March 26.

To the Editor of The Sun—Str: Is it true that a Cardinal if present at a special entertainment in Washington would outrank not only any Cabinet member who might happen to be presented by the Vice President and Speaker a wellnt, but the Vice-President and Speaker as well? AMERICAN.

## When There's Nothing at All to Kick

Twill be wearisome watching the days go by With never a cloud in the sun bright sky, And never a flaw in the burdenless breeze That seems to be doing its best to please; When evenings are dreamy and lead to sleep Serene as a shepherdess tending her sheep, While gathering stars round the moon

shine out And there's nothing at all to kick about.

When everything smilingly comes your way As willing as dusk at the close of de When people are kind and the world so good You couldn't hurt any one if you would When answers for turning away red wrath are strewn all along your sinless path Now wouldn't you long for a frown or pout Or something or other to kick about?

yellow water that would result from the boiling When peacefulness dwells in the neighbor

and nothing is ever misunderstood When every one lives by the Golden Rule And there's no more work for the human

mule Oh, the world will be lonesome without

# PISTOL LAW A BENEFIT TO THUGS

Petition Legislature for Amendments.

Burglary Insurance Companies

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Carrying a Pistol Home by the Purchaser Should Not Be

a Crime.

A protest addressed to the Legislature petitioning for radical amendments to the Sullivan "revolver law" was drawn up yesterday at a meeting of the presidents and general managers of fourteen buglary insurance companies and of the Burglary Insurance Underwriters Association held at the office of the Empire Surety Company.

The protesting companies are

The Empire State Surety Company, the Great Eastern Casualty Company the National Surety Company, the Globe Indemnity Company, the General Accident Company, the Royal Indemnity Company, the New England Casualty Company, the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, the Maryland Casualty Company, the New Amsterdam Casualty Company, the London Guaran-tee and Accident Company, the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, the American Bonding Company of Baltimore and the Burglary Underwriters

The protest is as follows:

Association.

We respectfully recommend that such sections of the bill as interfere with the freedom of the law abiding citizen to defend his home against the midnight marauder, or as leave the person entrusted with the transit of valuables at the mercy of the thug, be amended. The alarming increase in burglary and "holdups" within the last few months has revealed to us the seriousness of this matter. Experience has shown that professional criminals disregard entirely the restrictive provisions of this act Knowing that the law abiding section of the community has discontinued the practice of keeping or of carrying firearms, and nowing that the element of personal danger has been reduced to a minimum, criminal are steadily increasing the daring and bold-

ness of their operations, we suggest: That the section: "Carrying or use of dan-gerous weapons" of Chapter 195 be amended to include with Sheriffs, policemen and other duly appointed peace officers any person or persons poration or firm in the capacity of a guard in the ransportation of money or valuable merchandise. We recommend further that the law beamended so that, license or no license, the carrying of revolver, pistol or other concealed weapon by an me ever convicted of theft, burglary or any other

awful weapons of defence for home without requiring the purchaser to permit for possession or carrying, the purchase o be permitted to carry such arms to his home n their original store package.

President Armstrong of the Empire State Surety Company said after the meeting: "There is no doubt that the prohibition against the use of firearms by law abiding citizens has led to a marked increase

in burgiaries and highway robberies.

The professional criminals pay no attention to the restrictive provisions of such a law. Knowing that the law abiding section of the community has discontinued the practice of carrying or keeping firearms criminals feel that the element of danger has been reduced to a minimum. danger has been reduced to a minimum and they are therefore increasing in daring and boldness. The burglary in-surance companies do not advocate the surance companies do not advocate the unrestricted carrying of firearms without almost poportunity right here in New York. If he does not know where to find it there are all sorts of organizations that will help him. There is no possible objection to his interest in the welfare and comfort of animals; he may care for as many horses, dogs, cats, birds and other animals as may appeal to him; the objection is to the consideration of the welfare and comfort of the lower orders of vertebrates at the expense of the genus homo.

If your paighbor is at a surance companies do not advocate the unrestricted carrying of firearms without special permits of the police. They do advocate, however that law abidations of the welfare and comfort of animals; he without almost prohibitive restrictions. The people of suburban communities, especially where there is no police protection afforded, should certainly be allowed to have firearms in their homes. genus homo.

If your neighbor is starving at your gate there is no merit and no gain except smug self-satisfaction if you neglect him to promise the starting and to say that bank messengers or paymasters of large mercantile establish-

masters of large mercantila establishments carrying considerable sums of money or securities about the streets in the ordinary course of business should be deprived of the right to carry arms puts property of large value not in jeopardy but at the absolute mercy of the criminal element.

"There has been a marked increase in crime, especially in the financial district, since the special police officers who were compensated by banking institutions and large establishments have been deprived of their shields and arms. It is unfortunate that the administration has not been able to differentiate between the private officer employed in a safe deposit vault or bank and the thugs who were formerly commissioned as special officers in dance halls and more or less disorderly places where fights are frequent and the show and are security and the show are security as a special security and the show are security and the security and the show are security and the street and the security and the show are security and the street and the security an disorderly places where fights are frequent and the show and use of arms a casual incident

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"The insurance companies have always made a marked difference in rate in insuring funds in transit where the messenger or guard accompanying such funds was armed: a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. having been allowed where firearms were carried."

### MEXICANIZED PRESIDENCY. Third Term Means Any Number of Terms, Suggests President Judson.

President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago discusses the third term in the Independent for March 28 and says that he thinks the American people will think long before they cast aside the tradition that no person can be President three times. This is the central issue in the present Presidential

situation, he thinks. "Now we are told." he writes. "that so long as the third term is not consecutive with the second there can be no objection, inasmuch as the candidate for a third term is thus deprived of the great power of the Presidency in seeking a renomination. But objection remains very serious nevertheless, so serious that the mere question of consecutiveness becomes

"In the first place, there can be no doubt

"In the first place, there can be no doubt that as soon as the custom of two terms only is broken down every President will expect and will seek a third term. This is what happened as to a second term. But why stop with a third term? The same reason will apply for a fourth term or for any number of terms."

He quotes from an editorial in the Outlook which says that there is no objection to three terms or thirty terms if the man is a good one.

"Of course," he continues, "the only real justification of a continuous Presidency is that there is only one man in the republic who is capable of administering the Government wisely. This was just what was so often asserted with reference to President Diaz. Perhaps that judgment was correct as to Mexico. Are we prepared to believe that such a judgment is correct as to the United States! Are we prepared to enter on a path which leads directly toward the Mexiconization. Are we prepared to enter on a path which leads directly toward the Mexicanization

of our country.

"The easiest way to prevent an undesirable continuous Presidency is to stop where we are and to maintain the wise outtom which limits the President to two

When there's nothing at all to kick about, HENRY DAVID STRINGRAM.